

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Council Chambers, Beck Municipal Building

Minutes

Present: J. Armstrong, D. Byrd, J. Coite, M. Gilbert, M. Hart, M. Kirk, E. Paterson, H. Rhynhart, N. Silander, J. Sgobbo

Staff: M. Capriola (*Town*), C. van Zelm (*MDP*)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

1. Meeting Minutes

Paterson made the motion, seconded by Silander to approve the 5/12/15, 6/9/15, and 8/11/15 minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Updates:

a. *Mansfield Tomorrow*. Hart provided an update. The Plan of Conservation and Development is being voted on at the 9/8 PZC meeting. The Planning and Zoning Commission is now in the process of updating their planning, zoning, and subdivision regulations.

b. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership*. van Zelm provided an update. The Celebrate Mansfield Festival will be held on 9/20. The Hair Cattery is having its Grand Opening on 9/10. A commercial update was provided. An update on the re-opening of Wilbur Cross Way was provided. Storrs Center's Urban Land Institute award nomination was discussed. Silander discussed the William Benton Museum of Art/MDP art tours given this summer.

c. *USG*. Byrd and Sgobbo announced planning is underway for USG's participation in the Celebrate Mansfield Festival. External Affairs is meeting 9/18 to develop their work plan for the upcoming year.

d. *MCCP*. Armstrong provided an update. Outreach events and door-to-door visits for off-campus students are underway and will continue through the fall.

e. *NextGenCT*. Hart provided an update. The draft report prepared by EconSult has been submitted to the Town and to the University. Review of the report by staff and officials is underway.

3. Membership Update/MOA Update

The current membership roster for this Committee was distributed and discussed. The Committee will be working to update the MOA, including the scope, duties, and membership of the Committee. Kirk/Hart/Capriola will take the lead on this project. Mayor Paterson emphasized the importance of student involvement on the Committee. Also, possible consolidation of MCCP and Town-Gown was discussed.

4. Student Voter Registration

Byrd and Sgobbo offered four possible resolutions to cleaning up the voter rolls at the end of the academic year. Committee members thought the ideas of tying into the graduation

process and/or the Student Admin system (registration system) may be the most effective ways of addressing this issue. The Registrars of Voters were unable to attend the Committee meeting. Kirk will connect USG External Affairs with the Town's Registrars of Voters. Capriola will forward Kirk the contact info for the Town's Registrars of Voters.

5. UCONN Acquisition of Bergin CI

UConn has acquired the facility. The razor wire is coming down. No plans to report at this time.

6. Other Business

Coite announced that North Hillside Road Extension is anticipated to open in late November or early December.

Coite announced that a Stage 2 water conservation notice has been issued and water conservation measures are underway. The Town also issued a water conservation notice Town-wide.

Rhynhart reported on off campus student activity over the last two weekends. Underage drinking prevention and DUI enforcement initiatives are currently underway.

7. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee

None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria E. Capriola, Assistant Town Manager, Town of Mansfield